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AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled).
2. (Cancelled).
3. (Cancelled).
4. (Cancelled).
5. (Cancelled).
6. (Cancelled).
7. (Cancelled).
8. (Cancelled).
9. (Cancelled).
10. (Cancelled).

11. (Currently Amended) A cremains device comprising:

a first wooden portion comprising a substantially rectangular and substantially planar face interlocked to an opposing pair of substantially rectangular and substantially planar sides and to an opposing pair of substantially rectangular and substantially planar ends via a first plurality of mortise and tenon joints, said sides interlocked to said ends via a second plurality of

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mortise and tenon joints, said first wooden portion defining a cremains cavity; and
a substantially planar wooden lid adapted to be attached to said first wooden portion
and to permanently close said cremains cavity to form an airtight cremains space, said wooden
lid comprising a plurality of vents adapted to vent the cremains cavity upon attachment of said
wooden lid to said first wooden portion and to be sealed upon permanently closing of said
cremains cavity.

12. (Original) The device of claim 11, further comprising a protective finish located on an
exterior surface of said first wooden portion and on an exterior surface of said wooden lid.

13. (Original) The device of claim 11, wherein the cremains space has a volume of at least
200 cubic inches.

14. (Original) The device of claim 11, wherein said device is defined by a maximum
dimension not exceeding 12 inches.

15. (Original) The device of claim 11, wherein said wooden lid is adapted to be attached to
said first wooden portion via a plurality of screws.

16. (Original) The device of claim 11, wherein the cremains cavity is adapted to be
permanently closed via gluing said wooden lid to said first wooden portion.

17. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 11, wherein said ~~first wooden portion is~~
interlocked via a plurality of mortise and tenon joints comprises a plurality of tongue and groove
joints.

18. (Cancelled)

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19. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 11, wherein said device, when permanently closed, retains structural integrity when exposed to temperatures of about -20F.

20. (Currently Amended) A wooden box-urn for storing cremains comprising a plurality of permanently ~~sealed~~ sealable vents and a plurality of mortise and tenon joints.

21. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:
a columbarium wall containing the wooden box-urn of claim 20.

22. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising fabricating the device of claim 11 by attaching said planar wooden lid to said first wooden portion.

23. (Cancelled).

24. (Cancelled).

25. (Cancelled).

26. (Cancelled).

27. (Cancelled).

28. (Cancelled).

29. (Cancelled).

30. (Cancelled).

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31. (Cancelled).
32. (Cancelled).
33. (Cancelled).
34. (Original) A method, comprising
placing cremains within the device of claim 11.
35. (Original) A method, comprising
placing the device of claim 11 in a niche of a columbarium wall.
36. (Cancelled).
37. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:
placing cremains within a cremains cavity defined by a wooden box-urn comprising
a substantially rectangular and substantially planar face interlocked to an opposing pair of
substantially rectangular and substantially planar sides and to an opposing pair of
substantially rectangular and substantially planar ends via a first plurality of mortise and
tenon joints, the sides interlocked to the ends via a second plurality of mortise and tenon
joints; and
permanently closing the cremains cavity with a substantially planar wooden lid
adapted to be attached to the first wooden portion and to permanently close the cremains
cavity to form an airtight cremains space within a cremains container, the wooden lid
comprising a plurality of vents adapted to vent the cremains cavity upon attachment of the
wooden lid to the first wooden portion and to be sealed upon permanent closure of the
cremains cavity.

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38. (Original) The method of claim 37, further comprising adhering the first wooden portion to the wooden lid.
39. (Original) The method of claim 37, further comprising attaching the first wooden portion to the wooden lid via a plurality of screws.
40. (Original) The method of claim 37, further comprising placing the cremains container in a niche of a columbarium wall.
41. (Cancelled).
42. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:
placing in a niche of a columbarium wall a wooden box-urn for string cremains
comprising a plurality of permanently ~~sealed~~ sealable vents and a plurality of mortise and tenon joints.
43. (Original) The method of claim 42, further comprising preparing the niche to receive the box-urn.
44. (Original) The method of claim 42, further comprising closing the niche.
45. (Original) The method of claim 42, wherein the niche is defined by a plurality of masonry courses arranged to form the columbarium wall, the wall defined by a wall length, each of the masonry courses comprising a plurality of mortared structural masonry blocks arranged in a predetermined block pattern, the niche external to each structural masonry block.
46. (Original) The method of claim 42, wherein the box-urn encloses a volume of at least 200 cubic inches.

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47. (Cancelled).

48. (Cancelled).

49. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 11, wherein said device, when permanently closed, retains structural integrity when exposed to temperatures of about 180F.